

**IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

_____ day _____, 2012

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING GERE W. SIBBACH, COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER UPON
HIS RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN 31 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN
LUIS OBISPO, 22 OF WHICH WERE SERVED AT THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, DULY
ELECTED BY THE CITIZENS OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY.**

WHEREAS, Gere W. Sibbach, at retirement, will have served nearly 22 years as the County Auditor-Controller, longer than any other person in the history of San Luis Obispo County. Mr. Sibbach first began service to the citizens of San Luis Obispo County as an accounts payable clerk in the Auditor-Controller's Office in 1976 and left to join a CPA firm staff in 1978, returning to County employment in 1983 as Deputy Auditor-Controller, and,

WHEREAS, Gere W. Sibbach was first elected as the County's top financial officer, the Auditor-Controller, in 1990, and, took over a department in turmoil and subject to constant media scrutiny, and transformed it into a model of accountability and transparency on which the media and citizens have placed their trust, and,

WHEREAS, Gere W. Sibbach was the first Certified Public Accountant to serve as County Auditor-Controller, setting a tone of encouraging professionalism and staff development that has resulted in a department that currently includes 15 licensed CPAs, and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Sibbach chaired the Debt Advisory Committee since its creation in 1992 and successfully led the financing of many historic capital projects, including reinforcement of the Lopez Dam, construction of the new Social Services building, construction of the Dairy Creek Golf course, the Nacimiento Water Pipeline, and the new Government Building that we are meeting in today, and,

WHEREAS, over the years Mr. Sibbach set up accounting for, and identified revenue sources for many special funds that have provided millions of dollars, and allowed San Luis Obispo County to weather economic downturns, meet financial challenges, and maintain high levels of public service that would not have been possible without his creative and forward-looking efforts. These special funds include the Automation Replacement Fund, the Building Replacement Fund, the Tax Reduction Reserve, the Fire Equipment Replacement Fund, the Internal Financing Designation, the Teeter Tax Loss Reserve Fund, the Self-Insurance Internal Service Funds, and the Trust Fund for Retiree Health Benefits, and,

WHEREAS, Gere sponsored the implementation of the state of the art EFS accounting system that serves all departments, and provides management tools and information as flexible and sophisticated as any county in the United States, and, is leaving the County of San Luis Obispo in a strong financial position and a better place to live for all its citizens, and

WHEREAS, in 2008 Gere won the California Trivia contest at the California State Association of Counties annual conference by posting a perfect 100 percent score, and bested the previous record holder (a former San Luis Obispo County CAO).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of San Luis Obispo County that Mr. Gere W. Sibbach is hereby commended and thanked for his many years of service to the County, and wished the best of health and enjoyment in the future.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and on the following roll call, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

the foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

BY: _____
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST

By: _____
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors